

City of Montgomery Montgomery Zoo P.O. Box 3313 Montgomery, AL 36109

CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Violation: August 22, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to construct and maintain primary enclosures of such material and strength as appropriate to contain the animals. A female hyena escaped her primary enclosure by creating a hole in the 12 gauge chain-link fence around the enclosure.

Date of Violation: December 8, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to construct and maintain primary enclosures of such material and strength as appropriate to contain the animals. A white female Bengal tiger escaped her primary enclosure by swimming through a hole in the fence located underwater in the tiger moat.

Date of Violation: January 28, 2014

9 C.F.R. § **2.131(b)(1)** Handling of animals.

(b)(1) Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

You failed to handle animals as carefully as possible and in a manner that did not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. You placed heating lamps too close to

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combustible materials inside the petting zoo stable. The combustible materials caught fire and two goats died.

Date of Violation: April 13, 2014

9 C.F.R. § **2.131(d)(2)** Handling of animals.

(d)(2) A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact.

You failed to have a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant present during periods of public contact. Only one person was assigned to the petting zoo. While this person was busy leading multiple ponies used for pony rides, the rest of the general public in attendance had unsupervised contact with the other animals in the exhibit.

Date of Violation: May 15, 2014

9 C.F.R. § 3.75(c)(1)(i) Housing facilities, general.

(c) Surfaces—(1) General requirements.

The surfaces of housing facilities—including perches, shelves, swings, boxes, houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures or objects within the facility—must be constructed in a manner and made of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized, or removed or replaced when worn or soiled. Furniture-type fixtures or objects must be sturdily constructed and must be strong enough to provide for the safe activity and welfare of nonhuman primates. Floors may be made of dirt, absorbent bedding, sand, gravel, grass, or other similar material that can be readily cleaned, or can be removed or replaced whenever cleaning does not eliminate odors, diseases, pests, insects, or vermin. Any surfaces that come in contact with nonhuman primates must:

(i) Be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitization, or that affects the structural strength of the surface.

You failed to maintain surfaces inside nonhuman primate primary enclosures free of excessive rust that prevents required cleaning, sanitization and affects the structural strength of the surfaces. APHIS observed the following:

- 1) The inside of the shift door for the spider monkeys' night quarters was excessively rusted.
- 2) The top beam supporting the mesh roof of the Siamangs' enclosure was excessively rusted.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$8,107.

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